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1969

To: THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
AXBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report on the health of the District, and the work of the Public Health Department in 1969.

I would like to express my appreciation to Mr. Ellis, the Chief Public Health Inspector, and the other Inspectors for their help and co-operation during the year.

I would also thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee and the Officers and Staff of other Departments for their advice and assistance.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

D. McGOWAN

Medical Officer of Health.

October, 1970.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICSGeneral Statistics

Area of District	90,956 acres
Population: 1931 Census	22,076
" 1951 "	26,535
" 1961 "	30,796
Registrar General's Estimate for Mid 1969	37,720
Rateable Value (1.4.70)	£1,461,338
Number of Inhabited Houses	12,485

Extracts from Vital Statistics for Year 1969LIVE BIRTHS:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	271	238	509
Illegitimate	12	21	33
	<u>283</u>	<u>259</u>	<u>542</u>

LIVE BIRTHS RATE: (per 1,000 population) = 14.4CORRECTED BIRTH RATE: (Comparability Factor 1.13) = 16.3ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS: (per cent of total live births) = 6% (England and Wales = 8%)STILL BIRTHS:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	3	4
Illegitimate	1	-	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>

STILL BIRTH RATE: (Per 1,000 live and still births) = 9 (England & Wales - 13%)TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS: 547INFANT DEATHS: (Deaths under 1 year)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	5	7
Illegitimate	-	1	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>

INFANT MORTALITY RATES:TOTAL INFANT DEATHS (per 1,000 live births) = 15LEGITIMATE INFANT DEATHS (per 1,000 legitimate live births) = 14ILLEGITIMATE INFANT DEATHS (per 1,000 illegitimate live births) = 30NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE (per 1,000 live births) = 13EARLY NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live births) = 11PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births) = 20MATERNAL DEATHS = NilMATERNAL MORTALITY RATE (per 1,000 live and still births) = Nil

DEATHS

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
241	227	468

UNCORRECTED DEATH RATE: (per 1,000 population) = 12.4

CORRECTED DEATH RATE: (comparability Factor 0.97) = 12.0

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

The Registrar General gives the corrected number of live births in the District as 542 (283 boys and 259 girls), this being 2 births less than in 1968. Of these births 33 were illegitimate, i.e. 6% of the total. The corresponding percentage for England and Wales was 8%.

The uncorrected birth rate for 1969 was 14.4 and when the comparability factor (1.13) is applied, the corrected birth rate was 16.3 per 1,000 of the total population compared with 16.9 in 1968. The birth rate for England and Wales in 1969 was 16.3.

BIRTH RATES

<u>Year</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
England and Wales	17.1	17.4	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.1	17.7	17.2	16.9	16.3
Axbridge Rural District	18.0	15.2	18.8	18.1	19.0	19.9	18.5	18.8	16.9	16.3

STILL BIRTHS

The registered number of still births in 1969 was 5 of which one was illegitimate, thus giving a still birth rate of 9 per 1,000 total births.

DEATHS

After correction for transferable deaths the net total assigned to the District by the Registrar General was 468 (241 males and 227 females). This is 10 less than in 1968 and gives an uncorrected death rate of 12.4. When adjusted for age and sex distribution to make it comparable with other districts, the death rate was 12.0 per 1,000 of total population compared with 11.9 for England and Wales as a whole.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

There were no deaths from maternal causes in 1969.

INFANT MORTALITY

Eight children (2 boys and 6 girls) under the age of one year, died in 1969. This gives an Infant Mortality Rate of 15 per 1,000 live births, compared with 18 for England and Wales as a whole.

CAUSES OF DEATH

	SEX	Total	Under 4 weeks			1- all Ages	5- 4 weeks Weeks	15- & under 1 year	25- 1 year	35- 1 year	45- 1 year	55- 1 year	65- 1 year	75+ 1 year
			4	& under 1 year	1 year									
Other infective and parasitic diseases	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
	F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	6	10	5
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	1	2	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Leukaemia	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	22	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	3	8	7
	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3
Diabetes Mellitus	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Anaemias	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	M	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	3
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Hypertensive Disease	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	3
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	2
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	20	24	11
	F	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	11	25
Other forms of Heart Disease	M	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	11
	F	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	13
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	11	17
	F	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	8	35

CAUSES OF DEATH (contd.)	SEX	Total	Under 4 weeks		1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75+
			all	4 & under Ages	Weeks	1 year							
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	4
	F	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	14
Influenza	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Pneumonia	M	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	5
	F	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	9
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	6
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Peptic Ulcer	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Diseases of Musculo- Skeletal System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Congenital Anomalies	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other causes of Peri- natal mortality	M	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	3	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
All other Accidents	M	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Suicide and Self- Inflicted Injuries	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
All other External Causes	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
TOTAL of all causes	M	241	2	-	1	3	3	3	5	16	39	92	77
	F	227	5	1	-	-	1	-	8	8	24	49	131

468 7 1 1 3 4 3 13 24 63 141 208

WATER SUPPLIES

No shortage of water supplies was reported from any part of the District in 1969.

Every Parish has a piped main water supply and 12,395 houses are supplied directly in this way by the Bristol Waterworks Company. However, although every parish has a main water supply, not every house can be supplied directly from the mains and there are still 90 houses in the District relying on other sources. Three are supplied from a main water standpipe, fifty-five depend on wells, twenty-two on springs and ten depend on collected rain water. During the year a piped supply was substituted for well water in two cases.

Bacteriological and chemical sampling of public supplies is carried out by the Bristol Waterworks Company, but some individual sampling is also done by the Council's Public Health Department. The results of such sampling are given in the Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

During the year an investigation was made into the lead content of the water supply to a number of houses where the supply came through old lead service pipes.

In three cases, where the water was from a private well or from collected rain water, the amount of lead found in the tap water was above the recognised permissible maximum level, and the occupiers were advised to change to main supply. The occupiers of one of the houses were an old gentleman and his wife, both in their eighties, both hale and hearty, and they had been using the well supply for more than forty years. As one can imagine, it was somewhat difficult to be convincing in arguing the dangers of possible lead poisoning.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

During the year, work was started on Phases 2 & 3 of the Banwell to Langford Scheme.

Future proposals are :

	<u>Approximate Cost</u>
(a) Kewstoke (including Sand Bay)	£200,000
(b) Cross Sewerage Scheme	£13,600
(c) Oldmixon Sewerage Scheme	£5,500
(d) Brent Area (Phases 1 and 2)	Not yet known

The following Parishes in the District have main drainage and sewage disposal systems :-

Axbridge,	Brean,	Hutton,	Shipham (par
Banwell,	Brent Knoll, (small part)	Kewstoke (small part)	part)
Blagdon,	Cheddar,	Locking,	Wedmore,
Bleadon,	Congresbury,	Mark (small part)	Winscombe,
			Wrington

HOUSING

The following figures show the progress of new houses built in the District during the past 10 years:-

New Houses built by -

	<u>Local Authority</u>	<u>Private Enterprise</u>
1960	9	284
1961	8	290
1962	29	247
1963	25	296
1964	24	444
1965	62	434
1966	17	328
1967	38	333
1968	27	460
1969	30	272
	<u>269</u>	<u>3,388</u>

In 1969, 30 houses were built by the Local Authority, bringing the total number of houses owned by the District Council to 1,820, while 273 houses were built by private enterprise. At the end of the year there were 412 applicants for Council housing, compared with 461 in December, 1968.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following Table shows the notifications of infectious diseases in the District during the year:-

<u>DISEASE</u>	<u>Total Cases notified</u>
Measles	89
Dysentery	-
Scarlet Fever	17
Whooping Cough	7
Infective Jaundice	11
Tuberculosis (a) Respiratory	-
(b) Meninges & C.N.S.	-
(c) Other forms	-
Diphtheria	-
Tetanus	-
Acute Meningitis	-
Acute Encephalitis (a) Infective	1
(b) Post Infectious	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-
Acute Poliomyelitis (a) Paralytic	-
(b) Non-paralytic	-
Leptospirosis	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-
Typhoid Fever	-
Food Poisoning	1

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES

The County Council, as the Local Health Authority, is responsible for the provision of a number of personal Health Services, mainly connected with maternity and child welfare, the School Health Service and mental health.

Child Welfare Clinics are held in twelve Villages in the District. In 1966 a scheme of "attachment" of District Nurses to the practices of general medical practitioners was started and is proving most successful.

In Cheddar, a new Health Centre was opened during the year. This combines in the same building, accommodation for the family doctors working in the village, the home Nursing Service, and the Child Welfare Clinic.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Progress in the building of the new District General Hospital for the Area grinds slowly onwards, but at least, during the year a definite site for the new Hospital was decided.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1969

To: THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
AXBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the Year 1969:

HOUSING

The following tables indicate the progress made during the year in dealing with sub-standard houses:-

Discretionary Improvement Grants

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Rejected</u>
Position at 31st December, 1968	608 applications (676 dwellings)	591 applications (657 dwellings)	17 applications (19 dwellings)
Applications dealt with during 1969	26 applications (26 dwellings)	25 applications (25 dwellings)	1 application (1 dwelling)
Position at 31st December, 1969	634 applications (702 dwellings)	616 applications (682 dwellings)	18 applications (20 dwellings)

Standard Improvement Grants

	<u>Applications Received</u>	<u>Applications Approved</u>	<u>Applications Rejected</u>
Position at 31st December, 1968	209	201	8
Applications dealt with during 1969	19	19	-
Position at 31st December, 1969	228	220	8

Rural Housing Survey

During the year 21 surveyed houses were brought up to standard compared with 35 in 1968. 8 houses were demolished or closed during the year. The summary of categories, revised to December, 1969, is as follows:-

Number of properties satisfactory in all respects 1,220
(Category 1)

Number of properties with minor defects 515
(Category 2)

Number of properties requiring major repair or structural alterations (Category 3)	1,960
Number of properties unfit for habitation and incapable of repair at reasonable cost (Category 5)	156

Statutory Action under the provisions of the Housing Acts

During the year, statutory action under the provisions of Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957, was instituted in respect of 8 dwellings. The result of such action is summarised as follows:-

Cases under consideration at 31.12.68	14
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During 1969

Demolition Orders made	1
Closing Orders made	-
Undertakings accepted not to use premises for human habitation until made fit	10
Undertakings accepted to make premises fit	-
Cases under consideration at 31.12.69	11

OVERCROWDING

On the 31st December, 1969, there were no cases of statutory overcrowding on the Register.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

A.	Number of licensed caravan sites (more than one caravan)	(a)	Residential	7
		(b)	Holiday	64
	Total number of caravans permitted on these sites	(a)	Residential	392
		(b)	Holiday	3,197
B.	Number of licensed caravan sites (single caravans)	(a)	Residential	16
		(b)	Holiday	6
C.	Number of tented sites licensed during the year			9
	Number of tents permitted on these sites			493

FOOD PREMISES

Details of the number of routine inspections of food premises are given in the summary at the end of this report.

No statutory proceedings were instituted during the year.

Particulars of the various types of food premises in the District are given below:-

<u>Food Premises in Area (excluding registered dairy premises)</u>	<u>No. of premises</u>	<u>Fitted to comply with Reg.16</u>	<u>To which Reg.19 applies</u>	<u>Fitted to comply with Reg.19</u>
A. Food Manufacturing Premises				
Edible Fat Refineries	2	2	2	2
Cheese Straw Factory	1	1	1	1
Cheese Factories	3	3	3	3
Bakers	7	7	7	7
Pickle Factory	1	1	1	1
B. Wholesalers				
Greengrocers	3	3	-	-
Dairy Produce	3	3	-	-
Confectioners	1	1	-	-
Grocers	1	1	-	-
Cheese Depot	1	1	-	-
C. Retail Shops				
Grocers	128	128	-	-
Confectioners	57	57	-	-
Butchers	23	23	23	23
Fishmongers & Greengrocers (combined)	3	3	3	3
Greengrocers	24	24	-	-
Dairies	3	3	3	3
D. Catering Premises (including school meals & licensed premises)	184	183	184	184
E. Premises registered under the provisions of Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955 (excluding premises used for the Manufacture, Storage and Sale of Ice Cream)				
Sausage making	14	14	14	14
Fish Frying	6	6	6	6
F. MILK and DAIRIES				
Registered Dairies	6			
Number of Milk Distributors	103			

ICE CREAM

The Ice Cream manufactured in the District is manufactured in accordance with the provisions of the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment etc.) Regulations, 1947 to 1952 in a preparation room which has been specially adapted for the purpose.

Number of premises registered for the manufacture of Ice Cream (complete cold mix) 1

Number of premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream 188

12 samples of Ice Cream sold from bulk were taken for laboratory examination. Results were as follows:-

Grade 1 ... 10	Grade 3 ... Nil
" 2 ... 2	" 4 ... Nil

WATER SUPPLIES

The following is a summary of the results of the bacteriological examination of the monthly water samples taken from the public supplies. All these supplies are chlorinated:-

	<u>Probable No. of Coliform</u>	<u>Bacilli MacConkey 2 days</u>	<u>37°C</u>
	<u>0 per 100 ml.</u>	<u>1 per 100 ml.</u>	<u>25 per 100 ml.</u>
Cheddar and Axbridge	12 samples	1 sample	
South Mendip (Cross)	12 samples		
South Mendip (Dunyeatt)	12 samples		
North Mendip (Rowberrow)	12 samples		1 sample
Burrington	12 samples		
Blagdon	12 samples		
Kewstoke	12 samples		
North Mendip (Chelvey)	12 samples	1 sample	
	<u>96 samples</u>	<u>2 samples</u>	<u>1 sample</u>

A sample of water from each of the above supplies was submitted for chemical analysis during the year. All these samples were reported upon by the Analyst as being free from plumbo-solvency or other harmful contamination.

30 samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination from private premises not receiving a supply from the public mains. 7 of these samples proved to be unsatisfactory. 3 houses were provided with a supply of water from the public main in place of a supply from a private source.

12 samples of water were taken for chemical examination from domestic water supplies. 3 of these were found to contain excessive amounts of lead. The Medical Officer of Health has commented on these cases.

UNSOULD FOOD SURRENDERED OR CONDEMNED

(Excluding meat at Slaughterhouses)

Meat at retail premises	- 2 cwts. 105 lbs.
Cooked meat and meat products	- Nil
Canned Meats and Fish	- 1 cwt. 91 lbs.
Canned Fruit and Vegetables	- 5 cwts. 75 lbs.
Fats and Cheese	- 9 cwts. 33 lbs.
Fresh Fruit and Vegetables	- Nil
Wet Fish	- - - 52 lbs.
Other Foods	- 1 cwt. 95 lbs.

MEAT INSPECTION

The two private slaughterhouses and the slaughterhouse at the Meat Research Institute at Langford continued in operation throughout the year.

There are no poultry processing establishments in the District.

The following table gives particulars of carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part during the year:

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	134	-	3	326	306	-
Number inspected	134	-	3	326	306	-
<u>All diseases except</u> <u>Tuberculosis and</u> <u>Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	74	-	-	46	9	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	55.1	-	-	14.1	2.9	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Weight of meat condemned (in lbs.) for :-						
(a) Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Cysticercosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Other	705	-	-	88	15	-
TOTAL (in lbs.) condemned :-	705	-	-	88	15	-

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

Total number of septic tanks and settlement tanks emptied during the year :	1,029
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REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Third and final stage in the implementation of a weekly collection of refuse throughout the District was completed during the year.

The special collection service for bulky refuse has been much appreciated by householders.

Number of Refuse Vehicles in operation	8 (+ 1 stand-by)
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Estimated amount of refuse collected during the year	12,650 tons
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Total amount of salvaged material disposed of during the year :-	
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	Tons Cwts Qrs	£. s. d.
(a) Rags	6. 14. 2.	168. 2. 6.
(b) Non-ferrous metals	2. 18. -	362. 0. 0.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

Four complaints of noise nuisance were received during the year. Brief details of the complaints and of the action taken by the Council are as follows:-

1. Barking dogs - No action called for.
2. Amplified music from a holiday camp dance hall - sound level reduced after an informal approach to camp owners.
3. Loudspeaker system on business premises - system modified after informal action by the Council.
4. Metal working at small factory - referred to Planning Authority for possible enforcement action.

Number of complaints received	4
Number of complaints investigated	4
Total number of visits	38
Abatement Notices served	Nil

THE OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following is a copy of the report submitted to the Minister of Labour for the year ending 31st December, 1969:-

A. Registration and General Inspections

Class of Premises	No. of premises registered during Year	Total No. of registered premises at end of Year	No. of registered premises receiving general inspections during Year
Offices	4	77	77
Retail Shops	1	135	135
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	1	10	10
Catering establishments open to the public, Canteens	3	54	54
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
Total :	9	276	276

B. Number of Visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises

343

C. Analysis of persons employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

Offices	504
Retail Shops	334
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	63
Catering establishments open to the public	273
Canteens	9
Fuel Storage Depots	-
Total :	1,183
	Males 513
	Females: 670

D. Exemptions (relating to all classes of premises)

Space, Temperature, Sanitary Conveniences, Washing Facilities

No. of exemptions current at 31.12.69	Nil
No. of exemptions granted or extended during year	Nil
No. of applications refused or exemptions withdrawn during year	Nil
No. of cases where employees opposed application	Nil
No. of Appeals to Court made	Nil
No. of Appeals to Court allowed	Nil

E. Prosecutions

Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was completed in the Year	Nil
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F. Number of Inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act

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Number of other Staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act	Nil
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SUPPLEMENT TO ANNUAL RETURN

on Form O.S.R.14 - Year ending 31.12.69

INSPECTION ARRANGEMENTS

The inspection programme provides for a general inspection of all registered premises once per annum. Any defects or contraventions noted are immediately notified to the occupier. A follow-up inspection is then made and if no satisfactory remedial action has been taken, a report is made to the Council. The Council's normal procedure is to notify the occupier that if the matter is not put right within a specified period, proceedings will be instituted without further warning. No prosecution has yet been found necessary.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

There are no matters on which special comment is necessary this year.

ACCIDENTS

The accidents notified during the year were all of a minor character, mostly involving strains and bruises due to careless handling of goods.

DEFECTS REMEDIED AS THE RESULT OF INFORMAL ACTION

Abstracts provided	26
Overcrowding abated	-
Heating improved	-
Ventilation improved	1
Thermometers provided	14
Lighting improved	-
Floor and steps repaired	-
Seating improved	-
Machine guarding improved	2
Staircase - handrails provided	-
First Aid Kits provided	16
Washing facilities provided or improved	3
Sanitary accommodation provided or improved	2
Eating facilities improved	2

ACCIDENTS

Number of accidents reported	9
Number of accidents requiring investigation and investigated	1

RODENT CONTROL

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

		<u>NON</u> <u>AGRICULTURAL</u>	<u>AGRICULTURAL</u>
A.	Total number of premises (including nearby properties) inspected following notifications	327	15
	Number infested by (1) Rats	300	13
	(2) Mice	20	2
B.	Total number of properties inspected for rats and mice for reason other than notification	576	225
	Number infested by (1) Rats	107	104
	(2) Mice	30	20
C.	Number of sewerage systems test baited	17	
	Number of sewerage systems needing treatment and treated for rat infestation	3	
D.	Number of Council owned properties (excluding Council Houses) treated for rat infestation	21	
	Number of treatments of Council owned properties for rat infestation	30	

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

**Prescribed particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961**

Part I of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions of health

	<u>Premises</u>	<u>Number on Register</u>	<u>Number of</u>		
			<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
(i)	Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	4	4	Nil	Nil
(ii)	Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	94	110	Nil	Nil
(iii)	Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers' Premises)	5	5	Nil	Nil
TOTAL:		103	119	Nil	Nil

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

	<u>Number of cases in which defects were found</u>					
	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred:</u>	<u>Number of cases in</u>		
			<u>To H.M.</u>	<u>By H.M.</u>	<u>which prosecutions</u>	
			<u>Insp.</u>	<u>Insp.</u>	<u>were instituted</u>	
Want of Cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	1	1	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)						
(a) Insufficient	-	2	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	1	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	4	6	-	1	-	-

PART VIII of the Act
(Outwork Sections 133 and 134)

<u>Section 133</u>			<u>Section 134</u>		
No. of out-workers in August list required by Sec.133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole-some premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Dressing Dolls	11	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Glove Making	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
All other Classifications	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTALS:	13	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT BY OR UNDER THE
SUPERVISION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

Total number of inspections made (including re-inspections)	4,745
Total number of houses and premises inspected	2,595
Number of inspections made of, and visits paid to:-	
Dwelling houses	1,646
Food premises and Catering establishments (Food & Drugs Act)	811
Caravan Sites and Moveable Dwellings	710
Factories	128
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	343
Ice-Cream Premises	45
Dairies	70
Drainage Systems	220
Swill Boiling Plants	15
Agricultural Holdings	10
Premises as the result of complaints of nuisance	670
Premises in connection with water supplies	92
Tests of Swimming Bath Water	91
Investigations into cases of Infectious Diseases and Food Poisoning	38
Premises disinfested or disinfected	14
Drain tests of Drainage Systems believed to be defective	19
Smoke observations	Nil
Samples of faeces submitted for laboratory examination	2

In conclusion I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support and the Medical Officer of Health, the other Chief Officers of the Council and the staff of the Public Health Department for their co-operation and assistance during the year.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. ELLIS

Chief Public Health Inspector.

